

## Acceptable & Unacceptable Products in an Organic Program

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### TEXAS ORGANIC RESEARCH CENTER (TORC) LIST OF ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTION

In general, toxic synthetic pesticides are specifically prohibited, i.e., neurotoxins including all carbamates, organophosphates, pyrethroids, organochlorines and all products containing piperonyl butoxide (PBO). Certain toxic organic pesticides such as pyrethrum are also excluded.

#### A. ACCEPTABLE FERTILIZERS AND SOIL AMENDMENTS:

- American Rio Lava Sand
- Azomite Mineral Products
- Black Kow
- Espoma Organic Products
- Good Natured Products
- Lady Bug Brand Products
- Maestro-Gro Products
- Medina Natural Organic Products
- Mother Earth Products
- Nature's Guide
- New Earth Organic Products
- Texas Pure Products

#### B. MICROBE PRODUCTS

- Plant Success

#### C. ACCEPTABLE GENERIC DRY PRODUCTS

- Bat guano

- Blood meal
- Bone meal
- Corn gluten meal (60% protein or 9-0-0 analysis)
- Coffee grounds
- Compost
- Compost tea
- Corn meal
- Cottonseed meal
- Decomposed granite
- Diatomaceous earth (natural freshwater)
- Dry molasses
- Cedar products
- Earthworm castings
- Fish hydrolysate and fishmeal
- Greensand
- Gypsum
- Horticultural corn meal
- Humates and humic acid
- Lava sand
- Molasses, dry
- Kelp meal
- Lava sand
- Rabbit manure
- Rhizofuel
- Rock phosphate
- Seaweed meal
- Soy meal
- Sul-Po-Mag
- Wheat bran products
- Whole ground cornmeal
- Zeolite

#### **D. ACCEPTABLE BASIC LIQUID PRODUCTS**

- Apple Cider vinegar
- Compost tea
- Fish hydrolysate (liquid fish)
- Garrett Juice mix
- Humic acid
- Molasses, liquid
- Seaweed
- Vinegar (apple cider and other fruit-based products)

We used to allow "bridge" or "transition" products that contain synthetic ingredients but no longer believe that is acceptable for organic programs. They are certainly better than pure synthetic products. Some Garden Centers have their own private label products. Most of those are very good but be sure to read labels and ask questions.

## **E. UNACCEPTABLE FERTILIZER PRODUCTS**

- Ammonium nitrate
- Ammonium sulfate
- Biosolids products
- BR-61
- Ironite
- Osmocote
- Peters 20-20-20
- Scotts Bonus S fertilizer
- Scotts Miracle Gro products
- Sewer sludge and biosolids products
- Superthrive
- Synthetic fertilizers
- Synthetic growth regulators
- Synthetic weed and feed fertilizers
- Urea
- Vigoro Weed and Feed fertilizer
- And all other synthetic fertilizers

## **F. ACCEPTABLE NATURAL ORGANIC PEST & DISEASE CONTROL PRODUCTS**

- Agralawn Crabgrass Killer
- Bactimos briquettes
- Baking soda
- Beneficial insects
- Beneficial nematodes
- BioSafe
- BioWash
- Biological products
- BioSafe Systems
- Bora-Care
- Borate Products
- Boric acid
- Bt products
- Bti products
- Cedaricide products
- Cinnamon products
- Citric acid products
- Citrus products
- Clove oil
- Cornmeal products
- D-Limonene
- Deer Scam

- Diatomaceous earth (natural)
- Eco PCO Exempt
- Eugene oil
- Garlic tea products
- Garlic pepper tea
- Glue Traps
- Horticultural Oil
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Insecticidal soap
- Live Traps
- Mole Scram
- Neem
- Niban (Without PBO)
- Orange Oil
- Pepper products (red and black)
- Potassium bicarbonate
- Rabbit Scram
- Sluggo Snail & Slug
- Spinosad
- Summit Mosquito Bits
- Summit Mosquito Dunks
- Surround WP
- Sycthe
- Tim-Bor
- Vinegar products (from grain alcohol, not from 99% glacial acetic acid).

## **G. UNACCEPTABLE PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS**

- 2,4-D
- Acetic acid (petroleum based)
- Amdro
- Atrazine
- Bayleton
- Bayer products
- BHA
- BHT
- Broadleaf herbicides
- Clopyralid
- Copper products
- Daconil
- Diazinon
- DSMA
- Dursban
- Ethoxyquin
- Finale
- Fipronyl products

- Funginex
- Glyphosate products
- Grazon
- Ironite
- Manage
- Merit
- MSMA
- Orthene
- Orthonex
- PBO
- Pendimethalin
- Picloram
- Piperonyl butoxide
- Pyrethroid products
- Pyrethrin
- Pyrethrum
- Rapid Gro
- Rotenone
- Round Up
- Sabadilla
- Silica Gel
- SU herbicides
- Synthetic fungicides
- Vinegar made from glacial acetic acid
- And all other toxic synthetic products.

## **H. ACCEPTABLE GARDEN AND LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT**

- DRAMM
- STIHL

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